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October 28, 2004

Governor's Office of Planning and Budget  
Resource Development Coordinating Committee  
5110 State Office Building  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

This letter is being submitted to the Resource Development Coordinating Committee for review, comment and the Governor's approval, as per Utah Code 23-21-1.5. Representatives of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) will meet with the Wasatch County Commissioners in an open public meeting to present the proposed land exchange for their review and comment. The Mountainland Association of Governments is being mailed a copy of this letter and the attached State Actions form.

UDWR has been asked by a private landowner to accept an 80 acre donation of range land adjacent to its Avintaquin Wildlife Management Area. Management staff from the Northeastern Region have inspected the site, and recommend that UDWR accept the donation. The donation will enhance the Wildlife Management Area by supporting sagebrush steppe and mountain brush plant communities that are declining throughout Utah due to habitat loss, habitat fragmentation, and loss due to drought. Along with providing important habitat for large ungulates during the winter months, these habitat types also support a myriad of other wildlife including songbirds, raptors, and small mammals. It is the desire of the donor that the property remain as open space, and that it will perpetually benefit the wildlife of the State of Utah.

Since the Property will be acquired from the private sector, UDWR will make an annual in-lieu of tax payment to Wasatch County.

Please direct questions or comments to the Habitat Acquisition office in Salt Lake City at (801) 538-4750.

Sincerely,

Brent K. Hutchings  
Habitat Acquisition Program Manager

cc: Mountainland Association of Governments

**STATE ACTIONS**  
**Resource Development Coordinating Committee**  
**Governor's Office of Planning and Budget**  
**5110 State Office Building**  
**SLC, UT 84114**  
**Phone No. 537-9230**

<b>1. State Agency</b> Utah Division of Wildlife Resources	<b>2. Approximate date project will start:</b> December 31, 2004
<b>3. Title of proposed action:</b> Avintaquin Land Donation	
<b>4. Description of Project:</b> UDWR has been asked by a private land owner to accept an 80 acre donation of range land adjacent to its Avintaquin Wildlife Management Area. Management staff from the Northeastern Region have inspected the site and recommend that UDWR accept the donation. The donation will enhance the Wildlife Management Area by supporting sagebrush steppe and mountain brush plant communities that are declining throughout Utah due to habitat loss, habitat fragmentation, and loss due to drought. Along with providing important habitat for large ungulates during the winter months, these habitat types also support a myriad of other wildlife including songbirds, raptors, and small mammals. It is the desire of the donor that the property remain as open space, and that it will perpetually benefit the wildlife of the State of Utah.	
<b>5. Location and detailed map of land affected (site location map required, electronic GIS map preferred) (include UTM coordinates where possible) (indicate county):</b> See attached Map (Section 20, Township 6 South, Range 9 West, USM).	
<b>6. Possible significant impacts likely to occur:</b> Land tract will remain "as is," wildlife habitat, and open space.	
<b>7. Identify local government affected</b> a. Has the government been contacted? To be scheduled. b. When? During month of November. c. What was the response? Will be announced to RDCC immediately following meeting. d. If no response, how is the local government(s) likely to be impacted?	
<b>8. For acquisitions of land or interests in land by DWR or State Parks please identify state representative and state senator for the project area. Name and phone number of state representative, state senator near project site, if applicable:</b> Senator <b>Beverly Evans</b> HCR 65, Box 36Altamont, Utah 84001 Office (435) 722-2294, Home (435) 454-3719, Fax (435) 454-3072 Representative <b>Gordon E. Snow</b> 1046 West 290 South (511-5), Roosevelt, Utah 84066 Work Phone 435-722-4162: Home 435-722-4403	

**a. Has the representative and senator been contacted?**

Not at the time of this RDCC Submittal.

**9. Areawide clearinghouse(s) receiving state action: (to be sent out by agency in block 1):**

Mountainland Association of Governments

Darrell Cook, Executive Director

586 East 800 North

Orem, UT 84097-4146

Phone (801) 229-3800

**10. For further information, contact:**

Brent K. Hutchings

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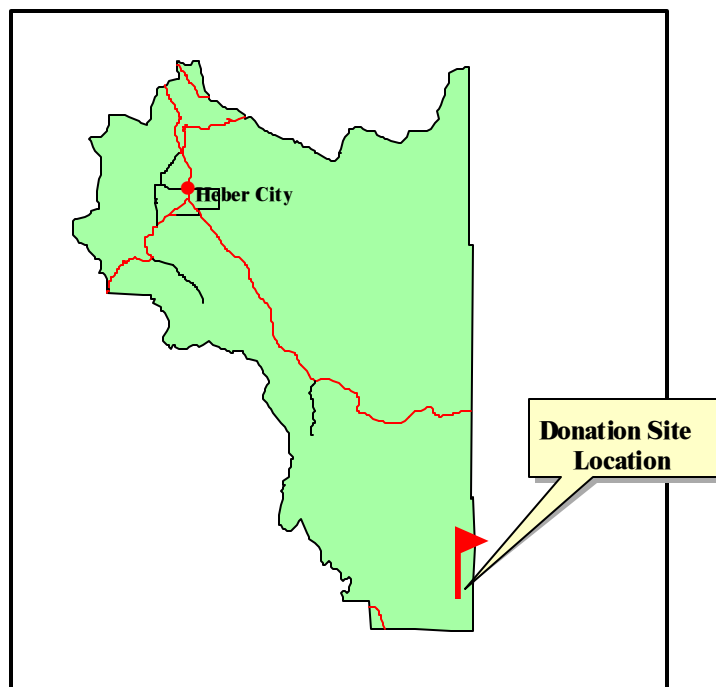
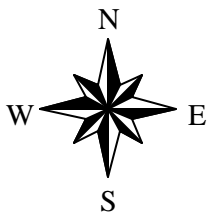
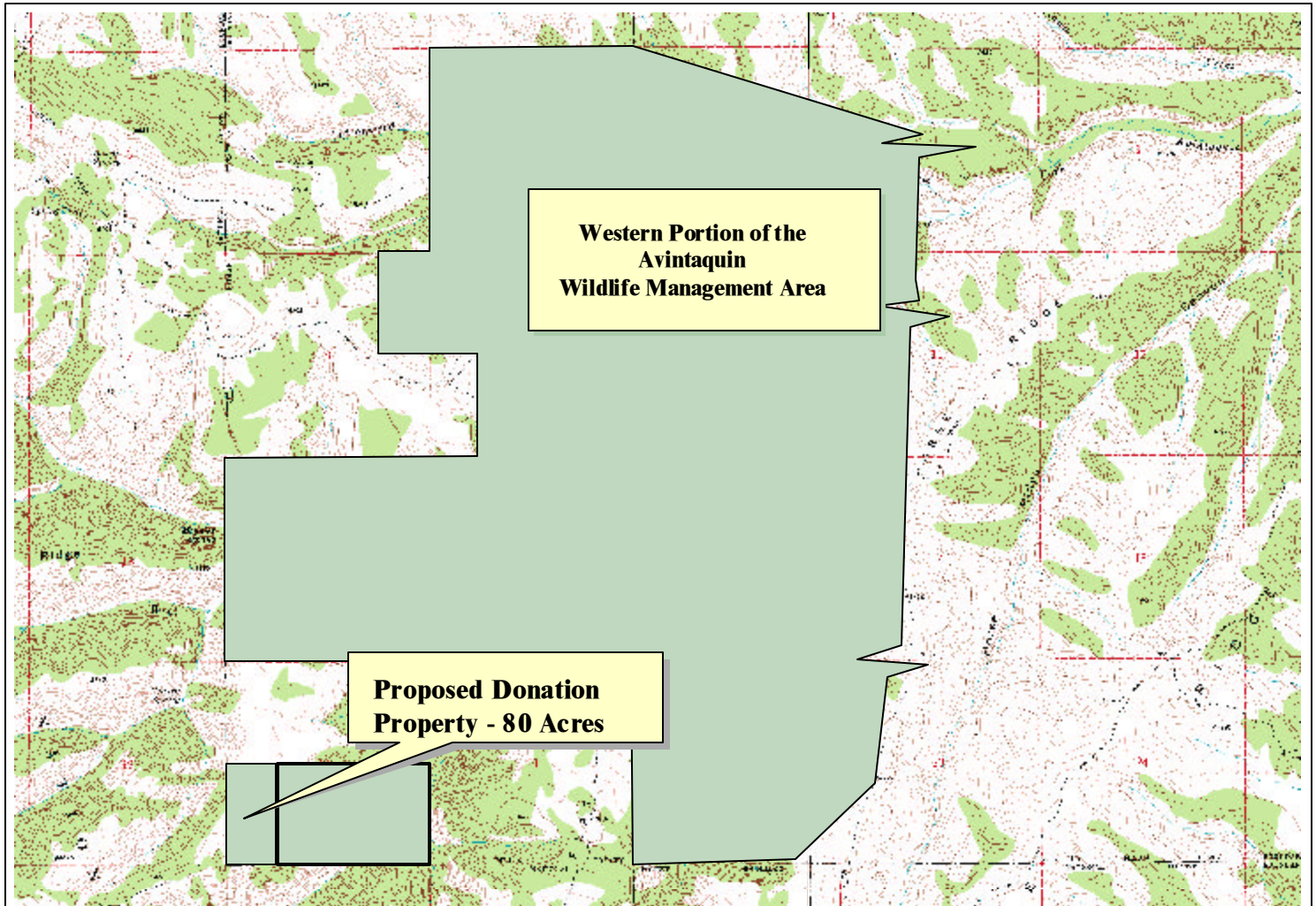
**11. Signature and title of authorized officer**

Brent K. Hutchings-

Habitat Acquisition Manager

**Date:** October 27, 2004

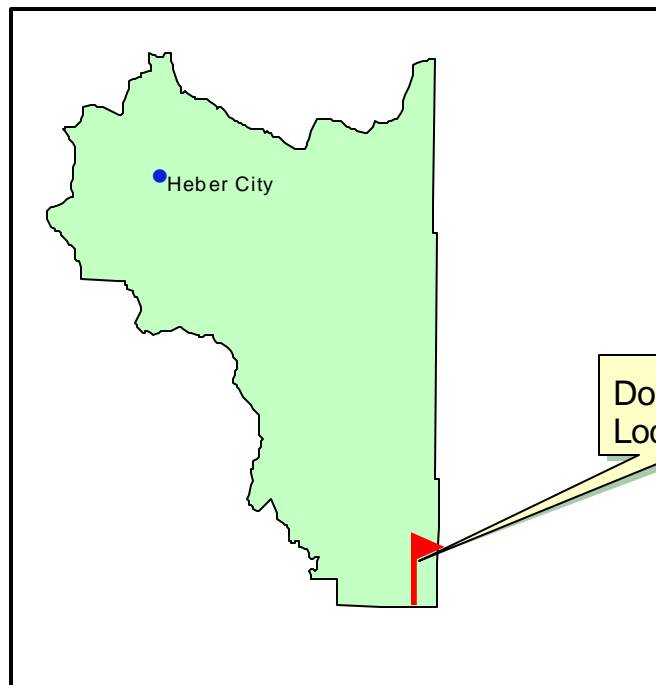
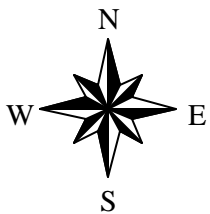
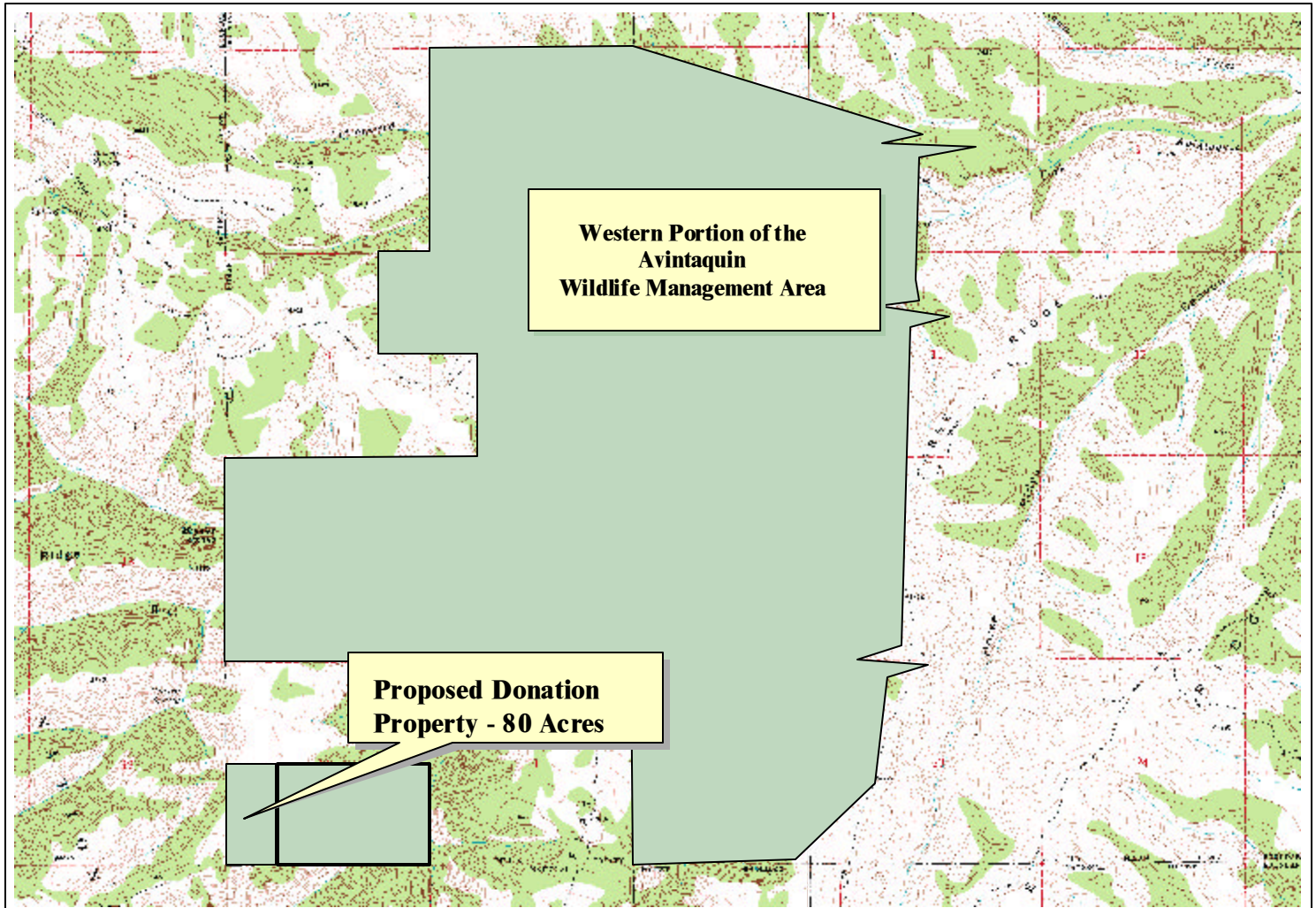
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